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REMARKS

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1. Perleberg (A 54/T 70) barracks:

- a. Occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 29 March 1950.
- b. Several groups of 12 to 15 soldiers left the barracks toward the training area on 1 April 1950. The soldiers were about 20 years old, wore red-bordered black epaulets and had closely cropped hair. They appeared to be recruits.
- c. Eleven groups of 20 to 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the barracks toward the training area on 4 April 1950.
- d. Five soldiers did service of the piece drill with an AT gun of about 45 mm caliber on 6 April 1950.

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2. Airfield:

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- a. Infantry, tank, artillery, light ~~arm~~ and engineer units were stationed at the airfield. The troops were estimated at 4,500 to 5,000. The tank unit belonged to a unit stationed in the Grabow-Ludwigslust area. Most of the tanks at the airfield were of T34 type.
- b. The mentioned sales stand was to be closed on 15 April 1950 because the troops would leave for a summer camp by that time. The store was supposed to move to the summer camp too.

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3. Area on Lauer Weich (pond):

Hospital.

The private houses in that area still housed Soviet dependents.

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4. Truck still hauled mail for the Berleberg military post.

5. a. Trucks and passenger car left the barracks on 4 April 1950. Seventeen T34 tanks moved to the railroad station.

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- b. Trucks [redacted] were also seen moving to the railroad station:

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- c. The mentioned tanks and several trucks [redacted] were entrained. The train, which included some boxcars loaded with boxes, strawbeds etc., left toward Fritzwalk about 8 p.m.**

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3. All houses in Ernst Thaelmannstrasse were vacated by Soviets. The families moved to the airfield.

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[redacted] Comment: the Penleberg units of the 18th Decz Div were still in the barracks by 1 April 1950.

[redacted] Comment: a tank unit (tank battalion of the 58th Decz Regt?) was entrained for Fritzwalk on 4 April 1950. The unit probably went to the Wittstock-Schweinrich maneuvering area as it did in 1949. The report is the first to state that another component unit of the Third Shock Army started leaving for summer exercises. Previous reports only referred to the transfer of the 19th Gds Decz Div.

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